GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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COMMERCIALISATION OF TECHNOLOGIES AND TRAINING
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Board of Management and Research Advisory Council of IARI had approved in May, 1997 the commercialisation of products, technologies, services and training so as to provide a competitive edge as well as economic advantage for sustaining and enlarging the research efforts;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AJIT SINGH)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 663 TO BE ANSWERED OI MAY, 2002 REGARDING COMMERCIALISATION OF TECHNOLOGIES AND TRAINING

(a) & (b): The Board of Management in its 69th Meeting held on 11.9.1996 approved the commercialization of IARI products and technologies (Agenda Item No.4). These were earlier recommended by the Research Advisory Committee of IARI held on February 15, 1996 (Agenda Item No.6) for commercialization with the view to review the monetary gains to the Institute out of commercialization. The activities of commercialization include products, technologies, services, consultancies sponsored research and training. Committee suggested that the following areas of research could be commercialized.

- Development of hybrids and production of hybrid seeds
- Production of biofertilizers
- Micro propagation techniques
- Development of vegetables and horticultural products
- Formulation of biopesticides and pesticides both for national and international markets
- Designing and production of farm machinery

It was also suggested by the committee that IARI should continuously explore areas for earning revenue from sources other than governmental and while undertaking above activities, research activities at the institute must not be allowed to suffer in any case and appropriate linkages must be established with the private sector.

The Minutes of the 69th meeting regarding commercialization of technologies were confirmed during the 70th Board of Management meeting held on 10-2-1997.

(c) The commercialization of products, technologies and services help the institute in generation of resources which helps the institute for strengthening of better infrastructure facilities and augmentation of research activities for the benefit of the farming community.